Attorney's Docket No. 1018961-000065 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE re Patent Application of MAIL STOP RCE akashi Kitaoka et al. Group Art Unit: 3738

> Application No.: 10/671,767 Filing Date: September 29, 2003

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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL LETTER

MAIL STOP RCE Customer Number 21839 Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the aboveidentified application and encloses the \( \subseteq \\$405 \omega \\$810 \) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). 1. A. Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified in item 2 below. B. Applicant(s) previously submitted the following documents for which continued examination is requested: Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed Other: 2. The following documents are enclosed with this submission:

Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

Amendment/Reply

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		Petition for Extension of Time			
		Other: [List Other documents filed with submission here]			
3.		Small entity status is hereby claimed.			
$\boxtimes$	No additional claim fee is required.				
	The fee is calculated below on the basis of the highest number of claims already paid for in this application prior to this submission:				

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Examination Fee (1801)						810	
	No. of Claims		Extra Claims	Rate			
Total Claims	18	20	0	x 50 (1202)	\$	0	
Independent Claims	4	4	1	x 210 (1201)	\$	0	
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Total Fee						810	
Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Application Fee						0	
TOTAL FEE DUE						810	

4.		Charge to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
5.		A check in the amount of is enclosed for the fee due.
6.	$\boxtimes$	Charge \$810.00 to credit card for the fee due. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
7.		Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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